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The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) They were required to stay in the nurses quarters for administrative reasons.

Working of the provisions re rent in the Malabar Tenancy Act.

* 2528 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the small landholders in Malabar in 1955 regarding the difficulties caused by the working of the provisions relating to fixation of rent, fixity of tenure, etc., in the Malabar Tenancy Act ; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Pending comprehensive land reforms no decision has been taken on the request from the Small Landholders' Association in Malabar for providing for resumption of lands by small landholders for personal cultivation. As regards suspending the functions of Rent Courts constituted under the Malabar Tenancy Act the Government considered it unnecessary to do so.

Digging of a lake in Vadavathur village in Namakkal taluk under the Second Five-Year Plan

* 2529 *Q.*—Sri M. P. PERIASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any petition from the people of Vadavathur village in Namakkal taluk to construct a lake under the Five-Year Plan in their village ;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government appointed or deputed any special officer to go into the question ;

(*c*) if so, why the work has not been taken up for execution ; and

(*d*) when the work will be taken up?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) A petition from the Secretary, Elaignar Congress, Namakkal, was received on 17th December 1954.

(*b*) *to* (*d*) On receiving the petition, the Executive Engineer, Salem Division, examined the matter in a preliminary manner and found that while it appeared at the outset that the extent mentioned as irrigable was greatly exaggerated, the matter required a regular investigation to determine the supply conditions, the availability of area, the irrigation rights already existing, etc., for which a special staff would be required. The Government have therefore sanctioned the necessary special staff. Only after the special staff has completed the investigation, can it be known whether the scheme can be taken up at all.